

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested. The abstract of the disclosure has been editorially amended. Claims 1, 3-5, and 7 have been amended, and claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 3-10 are now pending in the application. The rejections are respectfully submitted to be obviated in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

Applicant acknowledges with gratitude the indication in the Office Action of allowable subject matter in claims 2-8. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter previously recited in now-canceled claim 2. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to independent form. In view of the aforementioned claim amendments, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is deemed to be obviated.

As required by the Office Action, the abstract of the disclosure has been editorially amended.

As also required by the Office Action, drawing Figs. 1A and 1B, 2, 3A-3E, and 4 (four sheets total) are attached hereto, wherein Figs. 1A and 1B are labeled "Prior Art".

Entry of each of the amendments is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and pass this application to issue.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

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extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 11-0219, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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